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SUBJECT: SCHEEL VISIT TO CANADA: FOCUS ON ATLANTIC  
RELATIONS

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S SEPT 27-29  
VISIT TO CANADA AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY FOR LENGTHY

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DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN SHARP (AND ALSO WITH TRUDEAU)

ON CURRENT ATLANTIC DIALOGUE. CANADA SAID THEY FAVORED A U.S./EC DECLARATION BUT HAD NO RPT NO WISH TO ADHERE TO IT. RATHER, CANADA PREFERRED SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL DECLARATION ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OTTAWA AND EC (AS WELL PERHAPS OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES). CANADA WILL PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN DEVELOPING NATO DECLARATION. DISCUSSION OF CSCE WAS BRIEF; EXCHANGE ON MBFR WAS AT HIGH LEVEL OF GENERALITY. SOME BILATERAL QUESTIONS ALSO CAME UP. END SUMMARY

1. DANNENBRING, FONOFF DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN/ NORTH EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, HAS BRIEFED EMBOFF ON FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL'S SEPT 27-29 VISIT TO CANADA. SCHEEL'S VISIT, WHICH REPAID SHARP'S VISIT TO BONN THREE YEARS AGO, INCLUDED SPEECHES IN TORONTO AND OTTAWA ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY AND FRG/ CANADIAN RELATIONS. SCHEEL ARRIVED IN OTTAWA AT THE OPENING OF "GERMAN WEEK." SCHEEL HAD LENGTHY MEETINGS ON SEPT 28-29 WITH SHARP AND OTHER FONOFF OFFICIALS. HE ALSO HAD INFORMAL 90 MINUTE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU. SCHEEL ALSO HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA.

2. ATLANTIC RELATIONS. DANNENBRING SAID MAJOR FOCUS OF SCHEEL'S MEETINGS WITH SHARP AND CANADIAN FONOFF OFFICIALS WAS ON ATLANTIC DIALOGUE AND CANADIAN ROLE THEREIN. SCHEEL DESCRIBED FAMILIAR GERMAN VIEWS ON EUROPEAN NEED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO U.S. INITIATIVE. IN REPLY, SHARP SAID THE CANADIANS WELCOME THE PROMOTION OF CLOSER U.S./EC TIES AND ALSO CONSIDER BENEFICIAL A STRONG U.S./EC DECLARATION. OTTAWA'S CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS THAT CANADIAN INTERESTS NOT BE PREJUDICED BY THIS EFFORT. SHARP TOLD SCHEEL PUBLICATION OF THE EC DRAFT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES HAD LED TO SEVERE CANADIAN PRESS CRITICISM WARNING THAT CANADA'S INTERESTS WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED.

3. WHILE OTTAWA INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE CURRENT NATO WORK ON AN ATLANTIC DECLARATION AND

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HOPED THAT ITS DRAFT COULD BE ACCORDED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, SHARP SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT CANADA ALSO NOT BE LEFT OUT OF THE DEVELOPING ECONOMIC DIALOGUE. HOWEVER, SHARP SAID CANADA DOES NOT RPT NOT WISH TO ADHERE TO THE U.S./EC DECLARATION, WHICH IS BEING WORKED OUT EXCLUSIVELY BY WASHINGTON AND THE NINE. SHARP SAID OTTAWA WISHED TO PRESERVE A "CANADIAN IDENTITY" IN PRESENT DISCUSSIONS. THE GOC

WAS THINKING MORE IN TERMS OF A BILATERAL CANADIAN/EC  
DIALOGUE TO BE HELD "IN SOME WAY OR ANOTHER."  
SHARP MADE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS BUT IMPLIED THAT  
CANADA WAS NOT VERY ATTRACTED TO THE NOTION OF A  
CHAPEAU; HOWEVER, OTTAWA RATHER LIKED THE IDEA OF A  
"SPECIAL DECLARATION." IN PASSING, SHARP ALSO  
INDICATED THAT THE NORWEGIANS, IRISH, JAPANESE AND  
OTHERS ALSO WERE CONCERNED THAT THEIR INTERESTS BE  
FULLY CONSIDERED.

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4. IN A SEPARATE MEETING WITH SCHEEL, TRUDEAU ALSO INDICATED THAT THE CANADIANS COULD CONSIDER A BILATERAL DIALOGUE AND DECLARATION WITH THE EC. TRUDEAU AND SHARP SAID THERE WAS NO NEED TO HAVE A CANADIAN DECLARATION WITH THE U.S. ON ECONOMIC MATTERS AS THESE WERE ALREADY REGULATED.

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5. CSCE. DISCUSSION OF CSCE WAS BRIEF, WITH BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF FREER MOVEMENT ISSUES IN BASKET III, AND SHARP PLACING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS. THE BASKET I PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION DID NOT RPT NOT COME UP.

6. MBFR. SCHEEL RAISED THE QUESTION OF COMMON CEILING, VOICING THE STRONG GERMAN INTEREST IN ACHIEVING AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE IN THE FIRST PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT A SECOND PHASE WOULD TAKE PLACE INCLUDING EUROPEAN INDIGENOUS FORCE REDUCTIONS AND INVOLVING COMMON CEILING. OUR SOURCE SAID SHARP APPEARED TO BE GENERALLY UNINFORMED ON THE FINER POINTS OF THIS TOPIC, ASKED SCHEEL TO ELABORATE AND SIMPLY TOOK NOTE OF THE GERMAN POSITION.

7. BILATERAL. BESIDES SCHEEL'S BRIEFING ON CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, AND BULGARIA, BILATERAL FRG/CANADIAN AGREEMENTS INITIATED BY THE CANADIANS WERE CONCLUDED VIA EXCHANGES OF LETTERS. ONE WAS A DECLARATION OF INTENT TO CONCLUDE A CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITHIN RESPECTIVE CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS; THE OTHER WAS AN AGREEMENT TO HOLD FRG/CANADIAN CONSULTATIONS AT A LEVEL, FREQUENCY AND PURPOSE STILL TO BE DECIDED.

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